

Central Corridor LRT Project Status

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Technical status

- **June:** Submitted draft application to enter Preliminary Engineering (PE)
- **Now:** Working with FTA and its oversight consultants to finalize PE application
- **Oct:** Submit final PE application
- **Year end:** Anticipate FTA approval for PE

Preliminary Engineering phase

- Two year duration (2007/2008)
- Design project to 65%
- Nail down project scope, budget and funding plan
- Analyze project components:
travel time, ridership, capital & operating costs, FTA cost-effectiveness

Preliminary Engineering phase

- Make key scope decisions by mid-2007
- Determine project delivery method
- Complete risk assessment focused on real estate, utilities, tunnel, inflation
- Will **not** revisit decision of LRT and Washington/University alignment

Government Partnership Team

- **Government partners: cities counties, regional, state and University**
- **Metropolitan Council is federal grantee and owner/operator of line**
- **All partners will have staff working directly on the project**
- **Central Corridor Management Committee (CCMC) established**



Metropolitan Council

Minnesota
Department
of Transportation

Central Corridor
Management
Committee (CMC)

Community
Advisory
Committee
(CAC)

Central Corridor
Project Office
(CCPO)

Central
Corridor
Partnership
(CCP)

Communications &
Public Involvement
Office (CPIO)

Land Use
Coordinating
Committee (LUCC)

Business Advisory
Council (BAC)



Business and public involvement: Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

- **Community, business, ethnic, religious and educational groups and elected officials**
- **Input on station design and access, safety, parking, public art, construction phase mitigation**

Business and public involvement: Central Corridor Partnership (CCP)

- **CCP will provide collective voice for business communities**
- **Business Advisory Council (BAC) will represent businesses on the corridor**
- **BAC's input anticipated to focus on construction phase mitigation**



Communications and public involvement

- **Communications Steering Committee**
- **Includes staff from all project partners**
- **Develop and implement communications/ outreach strategic plan**
- **Ensure communication among partners, public and designers**

Land use coordination

- **Land use decisions and planning are the domain of local governments**
- **Land use influences LRT ridership projections**
- **FTA project justification/ranking criteria includes land use**

Land Use Coordinating Committee

- **Bring together local planning staff and CCLRT project staff**
- **Ensure project's understanding of cities' plans and vision**
- **Facilitate FTA feedback on land use**

FTA New Starts milestones

- **Preliminary Engineering: late 2006**
- **Final design: late 2008**
- **Full funding grant agreement: late 2009**
- **Construction: 2010-2013**
- **Revenue operations: early 2014**